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EMA TOYAMA

Please
tell me...

AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS

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AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS

CHARACTERS

BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS



TAIKI
IWASE

The team captain, who lives
and breathes basketball.
High-school 2nd Year.



TSUYOSHI
OKAMOTO

Often the butt of jokes.
High-school 2nd Year.



RYOSUKE
KAZANUMA

The intellectual
vice-captain.
High-school 2nd Year.



NAO
INOHARA

Aoba's best friend.
High-school 1st Year.



KYOKO
MATSUMAE

Manager.
High-school 1st Year.



MARIA
SAKURADA

Mayo's aunt.
She runs the "Listening
House."



Listening House
Mode

MAYO SAKURADA

A quiet girl who isn't good at talking to people.
In order to conquer her weaknesses, she starts a
part-time job at a Listening House as a person
who listens to other people's problems.
She joined the basketball team as a manager in
order to understand Aoba's worries.



KOTA AOBA

The basketball team's star player
who's popular with the girls, he went to the
same junior high school as Mayo.
He seems to be hiding a worry that he
can't share with anyone.
He's Mayo's first customer at the
Listening House.

STORY

A high-school loner with poor communication skills, Mayo starts a strange job
as a "Listening House girl" where she listens to people's stories. But her first
customer is the school basketball team's star player Aoba, who Mayo thought
was flawless and the epitome of social stardom! In order to hear about Aoba's
worries, Mayo becomes the basketball team's manager...

As Mayo gets involved in Aoba's life, she develops feelings for him. Although
she didn't plan on telling Aoba, her feelings get the best of her and she lets it slip
out. However, Aoba responds by telling her that he "can't reciprocate anyone's
expectations of kindness..."

C O N T E N T S

t i m e . 9

IT'S THE FIRST TIME.

5

t i m e . 10

DO YOUR BEST!

41

t i m e . 11

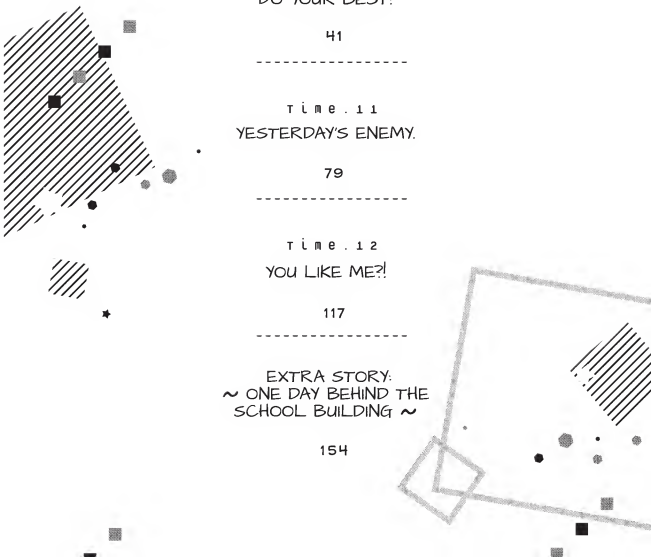
YESTERDAY'S ENEMY.

79

t i m e . 12

YOU LIKE ME?!

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EXTRA STORY:
~ ONE DAY BEHIND THE
SCHOOL BUILDING ~

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time.9

IT'S THE FIRST
TIME.



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



SO
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

I'VE
MADE
AOBA-
KUN
UNCOM-
FORT-
ABLE.

FORGET
I SAID
ANY-
THING...



CLENCA
#1/2



THANKS
FOR THE
TOWEL.



I'M
GONNA
GO HOME
NOW.

HELLO! THIS IS EMA TOYAMA. THANKS FOR READING AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSION VOLUME 3! THE CHARACTER PROFILE USUALLY GOES HERE, BUT ALL THE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN PROFILED ALREADY... SO I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO PUT HERE.^o SINCE THIS IS A MANGA ABOUT A LISTENING HOUSE, I DECIDED TO MAKE THIS SPACE A "PLEASE LISTEN TO MY (RATHER TRIVIAL) STORIES!!" SECTION. I'M GOING TO PUT TRIVIAL STUFF HERE, SO DON'T MIND ME. BUT IF YOU DO READ IT, THANKS! ALTHOUGH I'LL PROBABLY REGRET MOST OF THE STUFF I WRITE HERE IF I READ IT BACK YEARS LATER... ♪ THE IDLE TALK KINDA STUFF...

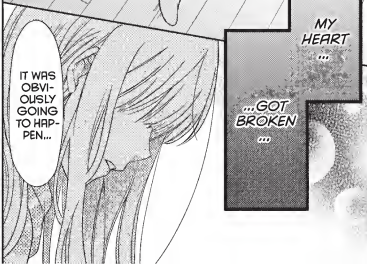
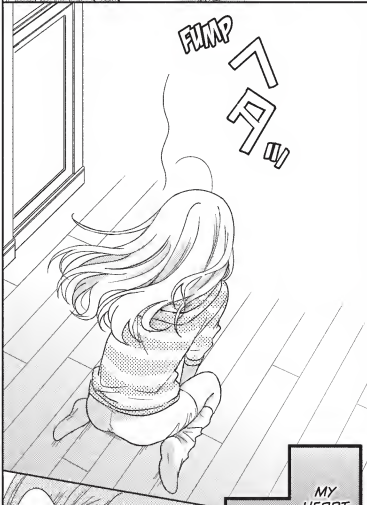
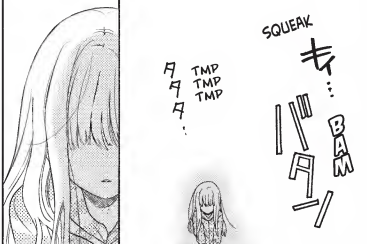


5 YEARS LATER...

IT WAS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO HAPPEN...

MY HEART ...

...GOT BROKEN ...





...BUT I
PUSHED
ROBA-KUN
AWAY
AGAIN...
BECAUSE
OF MY
FEELINGS.

AND I
WAS
FINALLY
GETTING
CLOSE TO
UNDER-
STANDING
HIS
WORRIES
...

TO
ROBA-KUN,
I'M JUST THE
LISTENING
HOUSE GIRL.

FLASH!!

KOTA!

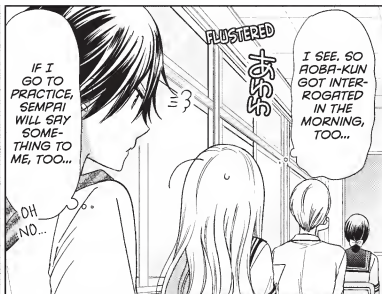
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BRIGHT

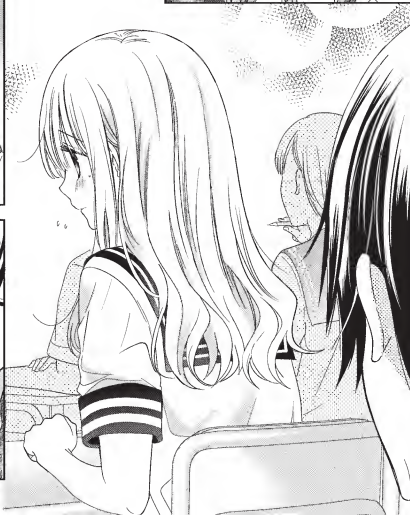
INSTEAD
OF
RELIEV-
ING HIM
OF HIS
WORRIES...
...I
ONLY
MADE
THINGS
WORSE.









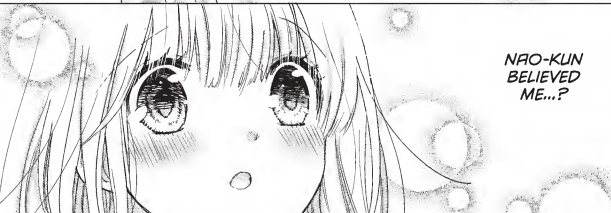




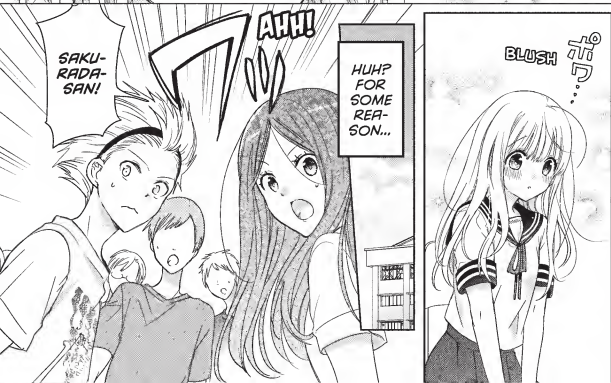


I'LL COME
UP WITH AN
EXCUSE
TO TELL
SEMPAI.

ボーン
MUMBLE



NAO-KUN
BELIEVED
ME...?



SAKU-
RADA-
SAN!

AHH!

HUH?
FOR
SOME
REA-
SON...

BLUSH

チ
ン



TELL US
RIGHT
AWAY IF
YOU'RE
IN PAIN,
OKAY?

UH...
DON'T
OVERDO
THINGS!



YOU
SHOULD
TAKE A
BREAK
FROM
PRACTICE
TODAY...

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

CHATTER

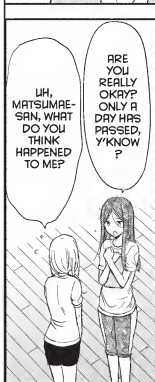
CHATTER



WELL, NOT
ME, OF
COURSE!

YEAH, IT
HAPPENS
TO EVERY-
ONE.

HA
HA
HA!



UH,
MATSUMAE-
SAN, WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
HAPPENED
TO ME?

ARE
YOU
REALLY
OKAY?
ONLY A
DAY HAS
PASSED,
Y'KNOW
?

UH, WHAT
DID NAO-
KUN TELL
EVERYONE,
EXACTLY?



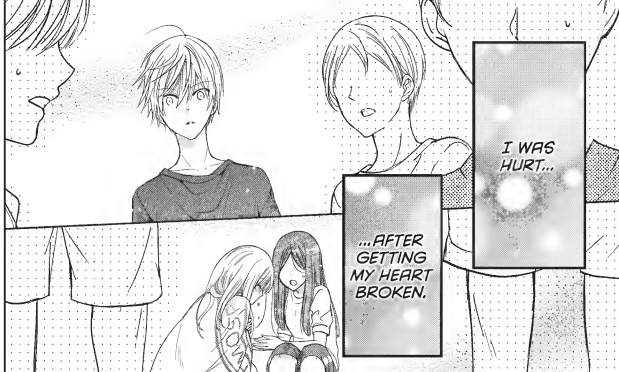
I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU...

GLOOM...









I WAS
HURT...

...AFTER
GETTING
MY HEART
BROKEN.



THE
KINDNESS
IS OVER-
WHELMING
...

WHAT AN
EXAGGERATION.

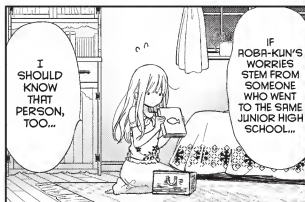
IT'S THE
FIRST
TIME...

...SO
MANY
PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN
SO...KIND
TO ME.

I'M SO
GLAD I
JOINED
THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...

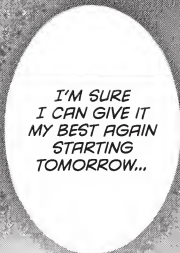
I'M SO
GLAD
I MET
EVERY-
ONE
HERE...

THANK
YOU...SO
MUCH...

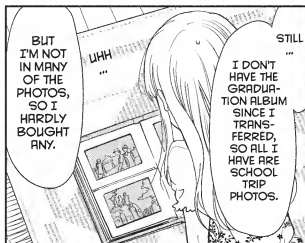


I SHOULD KNOW THAT PERSON, TOO...

IF ROBA-KUN'S WORRIES STEM FROM SOMEONE WHO WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...



I'M SURE I CAN GIVE IT MY BEST AGAIN STARTING TOMORROW...

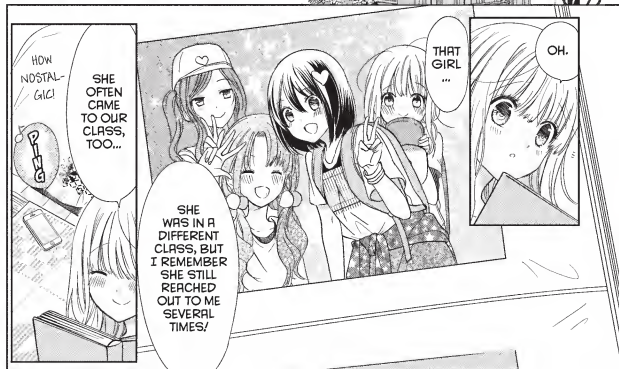


BUT I'M NOT IN MANY OF THE PHOTOS, SO I HARDLY BOUGHT ANY.

UHH...

STILL...

I DON'T HAVE THE GRADUATION ALBUM SINCE I TRANSFERRED, SO ALL I HAVE ARE SCHOOL TRIP PHOTOS.



HOW NOSTALGIC!

SHE OFTEN CAME TO OUR CLASS, TOO...

SHE WAS IN A DIFFERENT CLASS, BUT I REMEMBER SHE STILL REACHED OUT TO ME SEVERAL TIMES!

THAT GIRL...

OH.



IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M IN A GROUP TEXT, TOO...

TOMORROW IS THE GAME...



KYOKO

TOMORROW IS THE INTER-HIGH DISTRICT PRELIMINARIES! DON'T SLEEP IN!!



★ RYOSUKE ★

I ASKED THE CHEERLEADING TEAM TO SUPPORT US! ♡



TSUYOSHI

THAT'S MORE PRESSURE!

From: Aoba-kun

I want to talk to you before the game, so can you come a little early?

BADUMP!!
AOBA-KUN!



I WONDER IF I'LL BE ABLE TO FACE HIM...



HE WANTS TO TALK TO ME...?

A
PHOTO I
SECRETLY
BOUGHT OF
AOBA-KUN
...

UH...THIS
IS...

...HE'S
HAVING
A LOT OF
FUN...

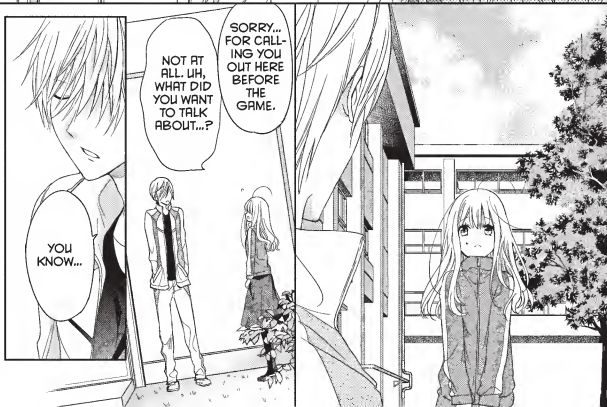
HE
SEEMS
LIKE...



...HOW
I FEEL
NOW.

I also have something to
talk with you about.

I'M
GOING
TO TELL
HIM...





I DON'T
NEED TO
SHARE ANY-
THING ELSE
WITH YOU,
SO...



...SO I
DON'T WANT
TO BURDEN
YOU WITH MY
PROBLEMS
ANYMORE.



I COULDN'T
RESPOND TO
THE FEELINGS
YOU SHARED...



IT IS
A BIG
DEAL!

IT'S
'CAUSE
OF ME
THAT
YOU
CRIED
SO
MUCH...



!!

UM, UH,
FORGET
WHAT
I SAID
ABOUT
HAVING
FEELINGS
FOR YOU!

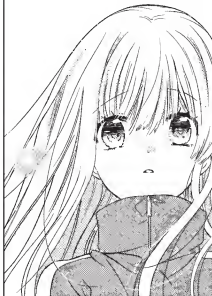
IT'S
NOT
A BIG
DEAL,
SO...



YOU
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
WRONG...

I ALWAYS
HURT THE
PEOPLE
AROUND
ME...

IT'S MY
FAULT...



I
HATE
IT...
...HURTING
THOSE
AROUND
ME.



AOBA-
KUN...

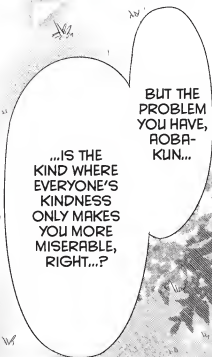
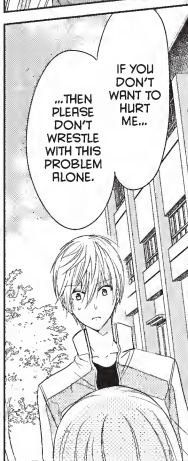
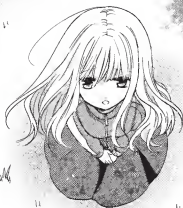
IT'S TRUE
THAT MY
HEART
WAS
BROKEN
...

...BUT I
FELT BETTER
AFTER
EVERYONE
WAS SO
KIND TO
ME.

HUH...?

SO DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT ME
ANYMORE.







I
WON'T
TALK
ABOUT MY
FEELINGS
FOR YOU
ANY-
MORE

...

...SO
PLEASE
OPEN UP
TO ME
AGAIN!

I
PROMISE
YOU THAT
I'M GOING
TO LISTEN
TO YOUR
PROBLEMS
AS THE
LISTENING
HOUSE
GIRL!



...I
HURT
FOR THAT
PER-
SON,
TOO.

WHEN
SOME-
ONE I
LIKE IS
HURT-
ING...



WELL
...

GRIP
つか
つか...



...
WHY
WOULD
YOU DO
THAT TO
THE GUY
THAT
REJECTED
YOU...?



BLUSH
か
あ...

AND
IF THEIR
BURDEN IS
LIGHTENED
...

...IT
MAKES ME
HAPPY,
TOO.



...FOR
MYSELF, AS
WELL.

I WANT TO
FREE YOU
FROM YOUR
PAIN...

FWIP



THAT'S...
MY
ANSWER
...



KOTA!
ARE YOU
HERE YET?



M-MY
CLOTHES
...

あわ
わ
わ
FLUSTERED



THANK
YOU...FOR
TELLING ME
THAT.

WITH
YOU, I
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
LEAVE THAT
PAIN BE-
HIND...



...BUT
FOR NOW,
I'LL GO
DO WHAT
I CAN.

I MIGHT
END UP
HURTING
THOSE GUYS
SOMEDAY,
TOO...

COME
WATCH
THE
GAME...

I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE!

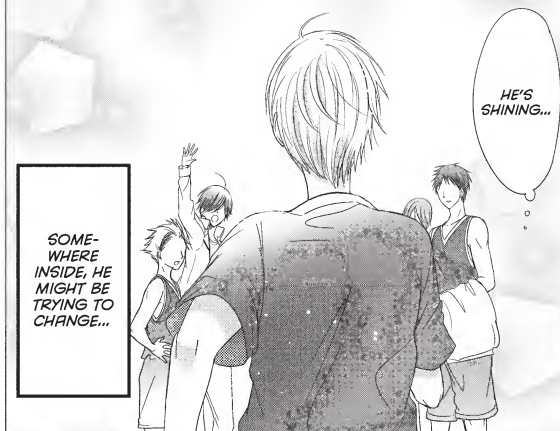
KOTA,
THE
GAME IS
START-
ING!

A character with short, light-colored hair is shown from the back, wearing a dark jacket. They are looking towards a group of people in the distance. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting.



OKAY!
I'LL BE
WATCHING!

***I'M
GONNA
WIN FOR
MY TEAM!***





HIRA-
TSUKA...

SOUTH
...



I GO TO
SOUTH
HIRATSUKA
HIGH NOW.

OH!!
SHE'S
THE GIRL
FROM THE
PHOTO...



...TO
WATCH
AOBA
PLAY!

I'M HERE
WITH THE
WHOLE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS



time . 10

DO YOUR
BEST!



ROBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



THEY
MIGHT
BE...

...THE
REASON
FOR
AOBA-
KUN'S
PROB-
LEMS...

SOUTH
HIRA-
TSUKA'S
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...?



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



YES,
CAPTAIN/
SHE WENT
TO THE
SAME
JUNIOR
HIGH AS
ME...RIGHT?
YOU
REMEMBER
TOO,
DON'T YOU,
HARUMA?

DO
YOU
KNOW
HER,
UMEKI ?



BETWEEN VOLUMES TWO AND THREE, I MOVED CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS!! IT MIGHT'VE BEEN BECAUSE IT WAS NEAR THE MOUNTAINS, BUT THERE WERE A LOT OF SLOPES!! WHEN YOU'RE GOING DOWN THE SLOPE ON A BICYCLE IN PAIRS, IT'S LIKE THAT SCENE FROM THE ANIME, "THE GIRL WHO LEAPT THROUGH TIME." I WANT TO LIVE LIFE AVOIDING THOSE SLOPES WHEN POSSIBLE... >.<" STILL, THERE ARE SLOPES EVERYWHERE, SO I WANT AN ELECTRIC BIKE... BUT THEY'RE SO EXPENSIVE... I WONDER IF IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY, SINCE ALL I EVER DO IS DRAW MANGA. I WANT TO AT LEAST TAKE ONE FOR A SPIN, BUT CAN I EVEN DO SUCH A THING? <3

I WONDER... INCIDENTALLY, I DON'T HAVE A LICENSE, EITHER <3 ...

H
U
H
H
P

CAPTAIN,
YOU'RE
SO INTO
THE PLAIN-
LOOKING
TYPES.

SERIOUS
PARAMOUR...

OUR
CAPTAIN
SAYS
YOU'RE
JUST HIS
TYPE,
KONISHI-
SAN!

IDIOT.

LOOK/
SHE'S
WEARING
ANOTHER
GUY'S
JERSEY.

SHE HAS A
BOYFRIEND.

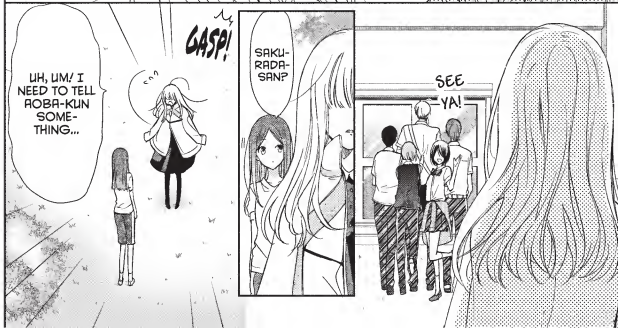
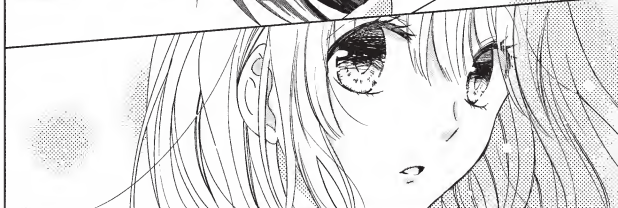
WELL,
THEN, WE
SHOULD
GET
GOING,
TOO!

SAKU-
RADA-
SAN, THE
GAME IS
START-
ING!

OH,
YEAH!
I HAVE
TO TELL
AOBA-
KUN!



TO
WATCH
AOBA
PLAY!



UH, UM! I
NEED TO TELL
AOBA-KUN
SOME-
THING...

GASP!

SAKU-
RADA-
SAN?

SEE
-YA!



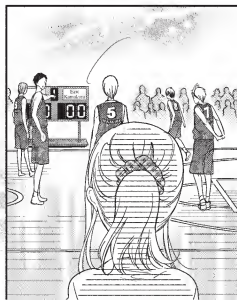


BADUMP

WATCH.

CLENCH

PLEASE LET
THE GAME GO
SMOOTHLY...!







THIS IS
ROBA
PLAYING!

I
MEAN...

CHEER CHEER

HE'S
WAY
BETTER
THAN
JUST
"NOT
BAD"!

I WAS
CURIOUS
WHO ROBA
WAS AFTER
HARUMA
SAID HE
WANTED TO
SEE HIM.
WELL, HE'S
NOT BAD.



Whoosh

WH...

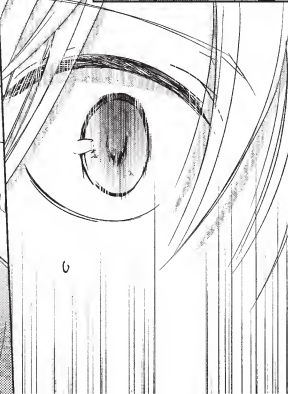
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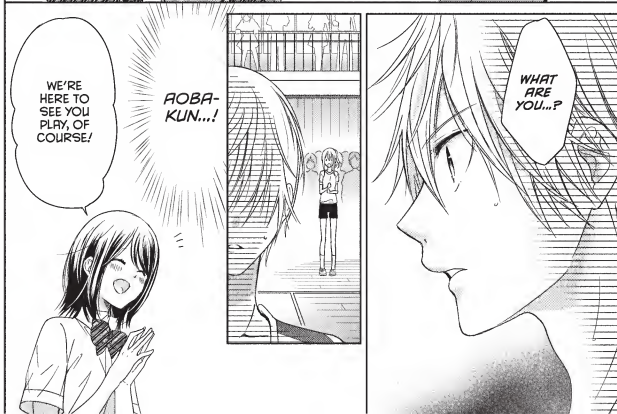
WHAP

WELL,
FOR A
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...



...?







I'LL BE
WATCH-
ING...



C'MON.
GO GET
'EM.

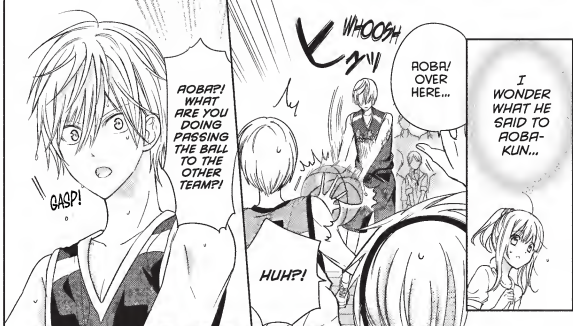


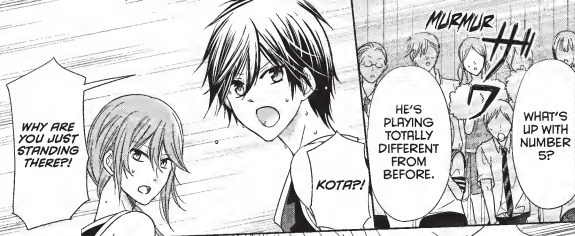
HEY, YOU!
GET THE
BALL!



TRAITOR.









AT THIS
STAGE
IN THE
GAME
?!



WHERE
DID THE
AOBA
FROM
BEFORE
GO?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
AOBA?



IS THERE
ANYTHING
I CAN
DO...?

GO FOR
THE
COME-
BACK.
YOU
GUYS!

FIGHT
!



AT THIS
RATE...

AOBA-
KUN'S
SHAKEN...

EVERY-
ONE
ELSE IS
TENSE,
TOO...

あ



YOU
CAN DO
THIS! EAST
KAMAKURA
HIGH!

IT'S
NOT A
MATTER
OF
WHETHER
I CAN...

INHALE
...

EXHALE
...

MANAGER
PLAIN
JANEP!

*I
HAVE
TO!!*

Y...YOU
CAN DO
THIS...



**I
GOTTA
SPEAK
UP!!**

**C'MON!
LET'S GO,
EAST
KAMA-
KURA!!**

**SHE'S
SQUEAK-
ING!**

**THAT GIRL
SEEMS SO
DESPERATE,
BUT HER
VOICE IS
SO QUIET!**

**BRING
IT HOME,
ROBA!!**

**SPEAK
UP!!**

**...GO
TO THE
NATION-
ALS!!**

**LET'S
ALL...**



**MAKE
THEM
HEAR
YOU!**

**SAKU-
RADA...**

BANG
コウ

WE'RE
GOING
TO NA-
TIONALS,
RIGHT,
KOTAP?

OW!

THAT'S
RIGHT...

東鎌倉
5

HYGAI

DON'T
GET DIS-
TRACTED
BY WHAT'S
AROUND
YOU...

JUST
LOOK
AT ME.



HUH...

***YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE.***



YOU CAN
COUNT ON US
SENPAI,
TOO!

TOH

HEY!
HE
CAN'T
JUST
LOOK
AT
YOU,
MAO!!

THAT'S
RIGHT,
MAN!



I'M
OKAY
NOW!
LET'S
DO
THIS!

HERE, A
MEGA-
PHONE!



EAST
KAMA-
KURA
WINS 74
TO 65!

CATCH

10

THAT ISN'T
THE ROBA
I USED TO
KNOW.

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あ
あ
あ

woo-
hoo!

THANK
GOD...

カク
カク
WOBBLE



WE
WON!

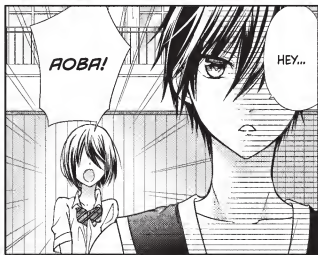
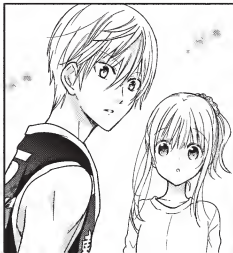
31,
PHEW



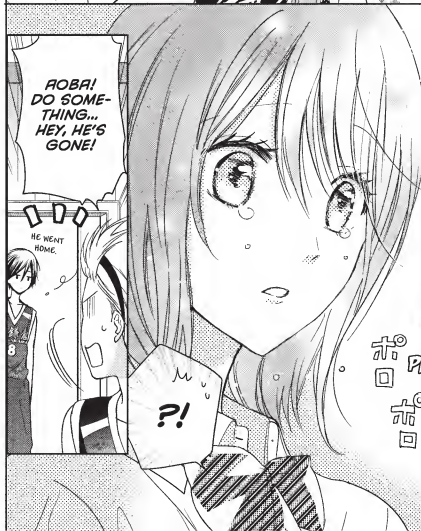
IN THAT
PHOTO
FROM
SO LONG
AGO...

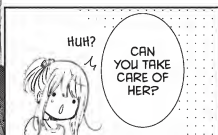
THAT
SHINING
FACE I
SAW...

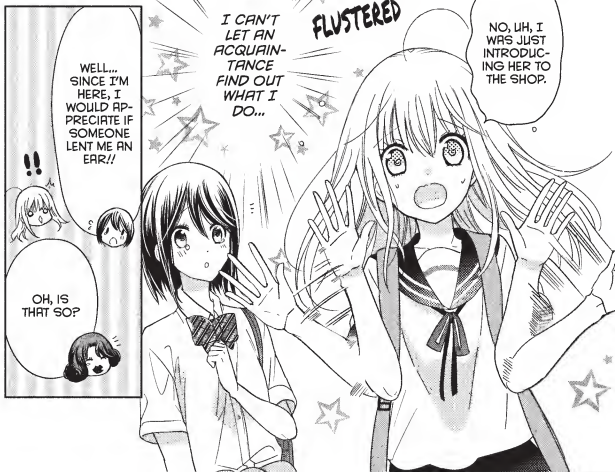
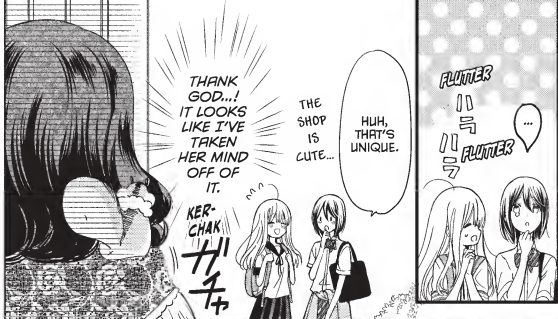








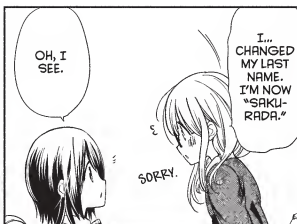








WHAT
A NICE
LAST
NAME!



OH, I
SEE.

SORRY.

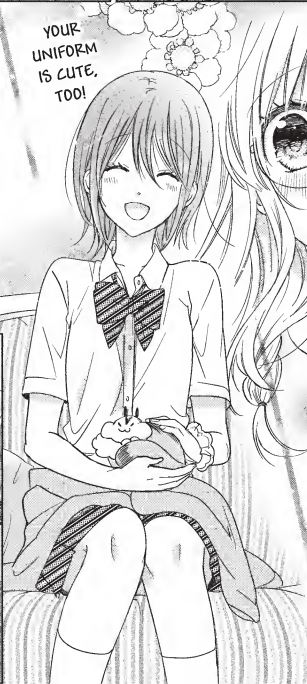
I...
CHANGED
MY LAST
NAME.
I'M NOW
"SAKU-
RADA."

SHE
TALKED
TO ME
BACK IN
JUNIOR
HIGH,
TOO...
SHE'S A
REALLY
GOOD
PERSON...

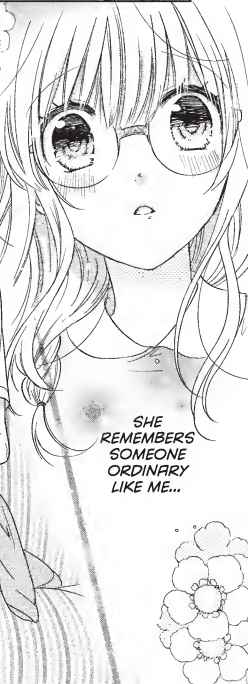
YOUR
UNIFORM
IS CUTE,
TOO!



SORRY
FOR
EARLIER...



SHE
REMEMBERS
SOMEONE
ORDINARY
LIKE ME...



I'M...NOT HIS EX-GIRL-FRIEND...



AFTER
BEING TOLD
THAT I WAS
CAUSING
TROUBLE...
I COULDN'T
HOLD BACK
MY TEARS

...

BUT, YOU KNOW ...

うん
うん
うん
うん
うん
NOD NOD

YEAH... THAT WOULD BE HURT-FUL TO HEAR...

BUT, YOU KNOW ...

うん
うん
うん
うん
うん
NOD NOD

YEAH... THAT WOULD BE HURT-FUL TO HEAR...

BUT, YOU KNOW ...

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うん
うん
うん
NOD NOD

YEAH... THAT WOULD BE HURT-FUL TO HEAR...



HUH?!

I
MEAN...



HUH?!

I
MEAN...





**I DON'T
FEEL LIKE
AOBA AND
I EVER
BROKE
UP...**

A black and white manga panel showing two girls. On the left, a girl with short dark hair is seen from the back, looking towards the right. On the right, a girl with long blonde hair and glasses is smiling and looking back at her. In the background, some small figures are visible on a balcony.

MY
FEELINGS
FOR ROBA
NEVER
CHANGED
EVEN AFTER
HE QUIT THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM IN
JUNIOR
HIGH.

I FEEL
LIKE
CRYING...

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of the blonde girl with glasses. She has a surprised expression with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. A small '!!' symbol is next to her head.

HUH...?

A black and white manga panel showing a boy with short blonde hair standing and looking towards the left. He is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt with rolled-up sleeves and dark pants. He has his hands clasped in front of him.

HE
QUIT...

...THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM...?



**WHAT...
DO YOU
MEAN BY
THAT?**

**...WHAT
EXACTLY
HAPPENED
TO AOBA-
KUN?**

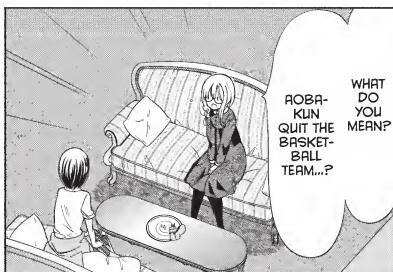
**AFTER I
TRANSFERRED
SCHOOLS...**





time .11

YESTERDAY'S
ENEMY.





AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



SO
I ASKED
HIM TO TELL
ME THE
REASON.

...FOR
ME TO
HEAR
ALL THIS
STUFF
ABOUT
HIM
BEHIND
HIS
BACK?

HUH?
BUT
IS IT
OKAY...

W...
WAIT...!



UM...
UH...

AREN'T I
BETRAYING
AOBA-
KUN'S
TRUST...?

AND
THEN HE
SAID...

JOLT
はっ

OH...
THIS
IS...

...A
SECRET
THAT
AOBA
TOLD
ONLY
ME.

THE
PROBLEM
THAT
AOBA-
KUN CAN'T
TELL ME...

IT
WOULDN'T
BE RIGHT
FOR ME
TO SAY
IT.

THIS
IS SOME-
THING HE
CAN'T TELL
OTHERS
EVEN NOW
...

SAKURADA-
SAN, YOU'RE
CRAZY
ABOUT
YOUR
BOYFRIEND,
RIGHT?

UMEKI-SAN
KNOWS
WHAT
THAT IS.

YEAH...

AHH...

AWW!
IT
MUST
BE SO
NICE
BEING
ON THE
SAME
TEAM!

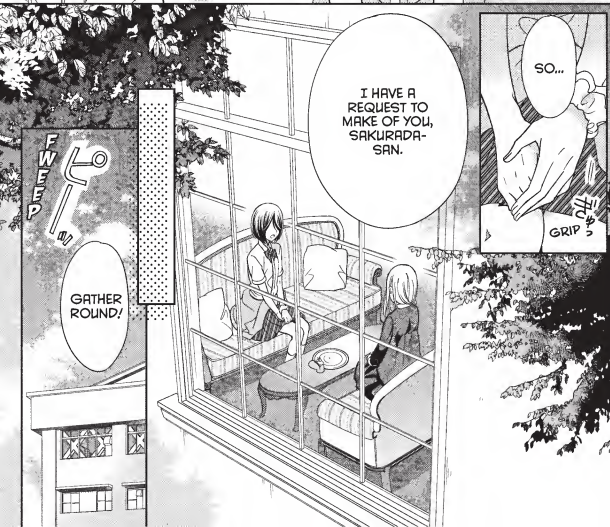
M...MY
BOY-
FRIEND
...

YOU WERE
WEARING
YOUR
BOY-
FRIEND'S
JERSEY.
SO IS HE
ON THE
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM?

...HUH?

HE
WAS PROBABLY
COLD TO ME
BECAUSE HE
DIDN'T WANT
PEOPLE TO
KNOW ABOUT
HIS JUNIOR-
HIGH SCHOOL
DAYS...

I
WANT TO
GO BACK
TO THE WAY
THINGS
WERE WITH
AOBA,
TOO.





AND THEN,
YOU KNOW...

ONE AREA OF THE
VERY SLOPE-HEAVY
TOWN IS... WELL... A
VERY *LUXURIOUS*
RESIDENTIAL AREA.⁺
I REALLY LIKE TAKING
A WALK THERE. ♡[♡]

I'M JUST A
COMMONER, SO IT'S
FUN IMAGINING WHAT
KIND OF PEOPLE LIVE
THERE AND WHAT
KIND OF LIVES THEY
LEAD. I THINK THAT
THEY PROBABLY
DON'T GO SHOPPING
IN THE NEIGHBOR-
HOOD SUPERMARKET,
OR THEY HAVE A
CHEF WHO COOKS FOR
THEM. OR IF THERE'S
A DELIVERY VAN
STOPPED IN FRONT OF
A HOUSE, THEN THEY
MUST BE DELIVER-
ING CRAB!! I THINK
ABOUT THESE SILLY
THINGS AS I WALK.
I'M AN IDIOT, AREN'T
I? ALSO, WHEN I SEE
A GRANNY BIKE NEXT
TO A BLACK FOREIGN
AUTOMOBILE, I FEEL
AN AFFINITY FOR THAT
BIKE. BOY, AM I AN
IDIOT! ♡

SHALL
WE GO,
THEN?

TO
THINK
THAT
WAS HER
REQUEST
FOR ME...

HUHP
GO?

HUH?

DIDN'T
YOU SEE THE
GROUP TEXT?
WE'RE GOING
OUT TODAY.

OUT?

FWOOSH

WE'RE
HERE!
YUIGA
BEACH!

RYO-
SUKE-
SAMA!

COMPLI-
MENTS
OF MY
MOM WHO
RUNS A CAFE!

WELL,
WELL!
TSU-
YOSHI,
HAVE SOME
MEAT!

OH!!!
オオ

THIS IS
JUST OUR
PRACTICE
TAKEN TO
THE BEACH!

IT'S
PROOF
THAT
YOU
GUYS
HAVEN'T
TRAINED!
FREE
DIVING
X'100!

THE
WATER'S
SO COLD

IT'S
MAY, ALL
RIGHT...

YOU
GUYS
ARE SO
WEAK.

YEE-
HAW!

Earth Drops

"This world is just a series of
illusions. The life is only a
dream."

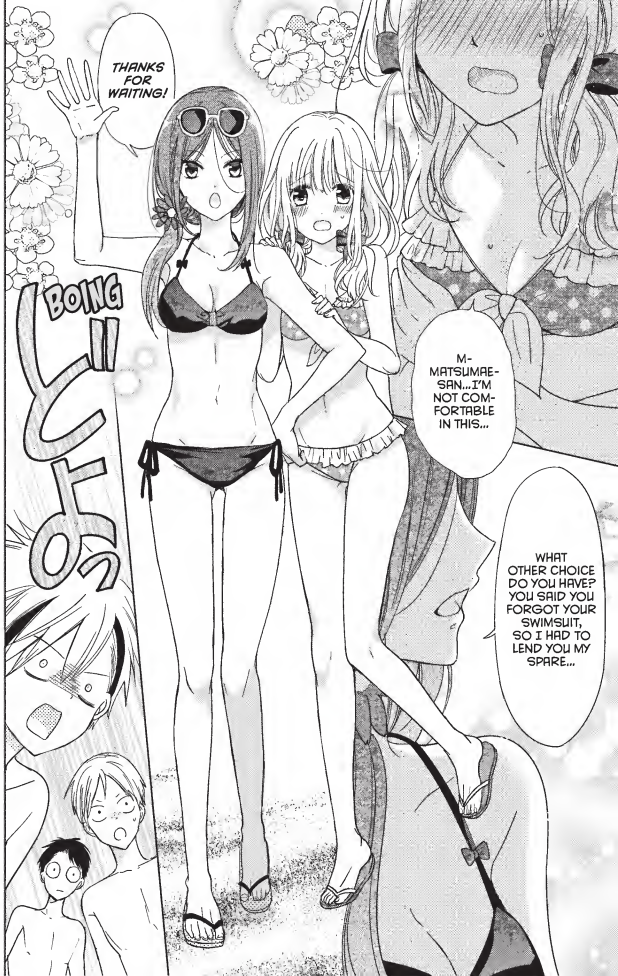


THANKS
FOR
WAITING!

BOING

M-
MATSUMAE-
SAN...I'M
NOT COM-
FORTABLE
IN THIS...

WHAT
OTHER CHOICE
DO YOU HAVE?
YOU SAID YOU
FORGOT YOUR
SWIMSUIT,
SO I HAD TO
LEND YOU MY
SPARE...





DON'T
ACT LIKE
YOU'RE
SOME-
THING
YOU'RE
NOT, YOU
HAG!
YOU'RE
AN EYE-
SORE!

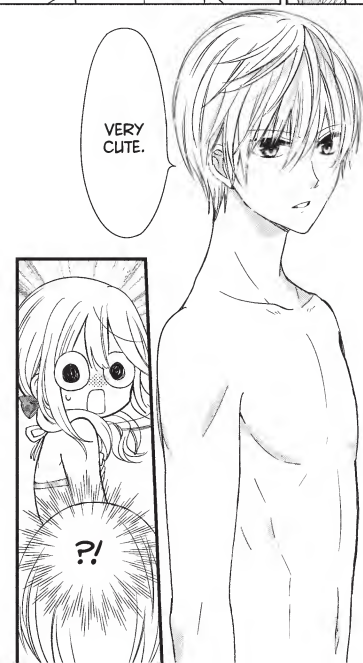
OKAY,
NORMAL
OPERA-
TIONS!

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?
?!



THANK
GOD FOR
GIRLS.

RIGHT,
TSUYOSHIP?



VERY
CUTE.



SHIVER

SHIVER

IT'S SO
SKIMPY.

IT'S THE
FIRST
TIME
I'VE
WORN A
BIKINI
...



HMM.

?!



I'M
GONNA...
SWITCH
INTO A
T-SHIRT...

HEY, I'M
KIDDING
!

GLOOM...

C...
CU...?!

THE
SWIMMING
SUIT...



IT
REALLY
SUITS
YOU!

YOU LOOK
GOOD
IN PINK!

REALLY?
PINK
LOOKS
GOOD ON
ANYONE...



I TOLD
YOU, THIS IS
VOLLEYBALL!

TIME
FOR A
WATER
DUNK!

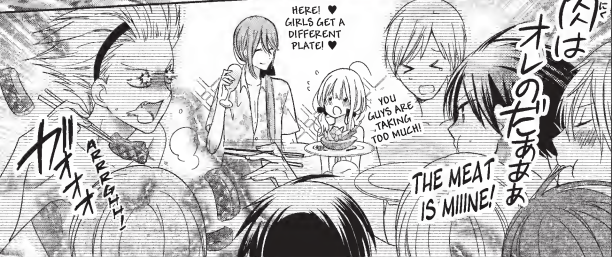


HERE! ♡
GIRLS GET A
DIFFERENT
PLATE! ♡

YOU
GUYS ARE
TAKING
TOO MUCH!

THE MEAT
IS MINE!

肉は
オレのたまま





GROAN.
ALL THAT
PLAYING
POOPED
US OUT!

WHOOSH

CHEER

CHEER

CHOMP CHOMP

HUH
?!

YOU LOOK
GOOD IN
THAT SWIM-
SUIT TOO,
KYOKO.

NOW YOU
MENTION
IT?

AS HARD
AS YOU
PLAY!

YOU
GOTTA
WORK
...

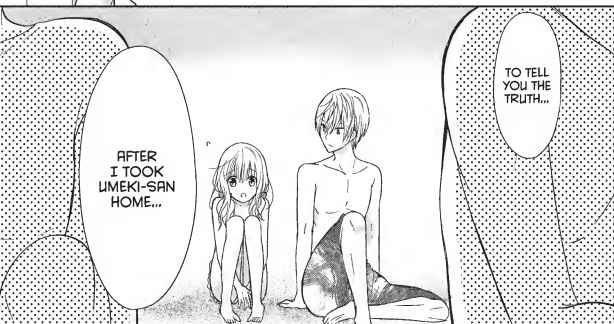
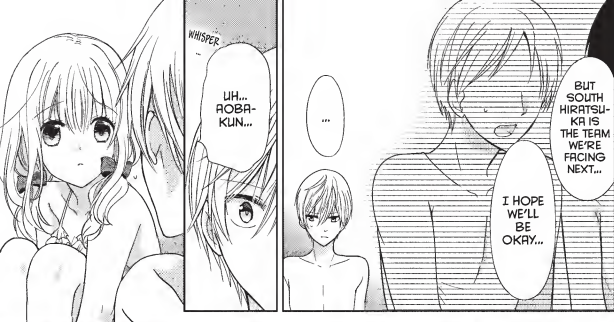
I
SEE!
IN
THAT
CASE,

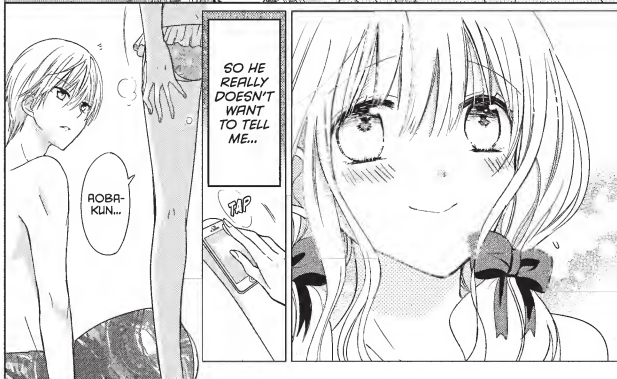
YOU
BETTER
WIN THE
NEXT
GAME,
OR I'M
GOING
TO KILL
YOU.

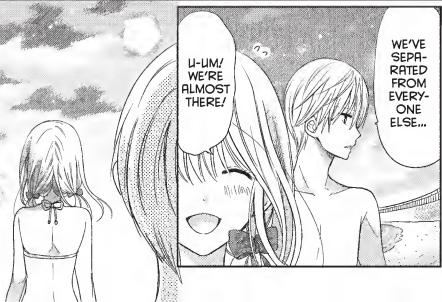
FROM
HEAVEN
TO HELL
...!

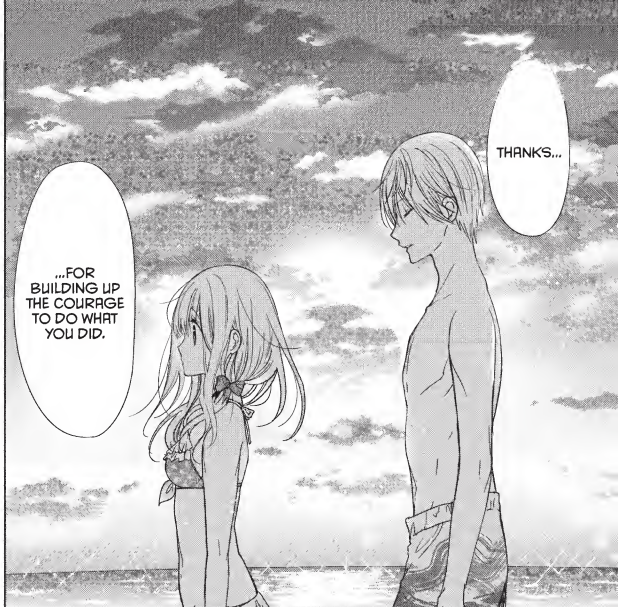
DID
YOU
GUYS
GET A
CHANCE
TO
RELAX?

TO-
TALLY!









THANKS...

...FOR
BUILDING UP
THE COURAGE
TO DO WHAT
YOU DID.

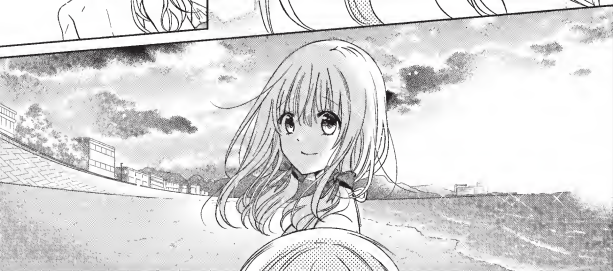


IF YOU
WEREN'T
CHEERING
FOR ME...

...I DON'T
THINK I
WOULD'VE
RECOVERED.

I STILL
HAVE A
LOT TO
WORK
ON AS A
LISTENING
HOUSE
GIRL.

I...I
DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING...



SO...

SAKU-
RADA
...?

SMILE





I THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE
BEST IF UMEKI-
SAN WERE THE
ONE TO LISTEN
TO YOUR
PROBLEMS.



AOBA
!!

HUH
...?





A...
SUKA...?



WHAT
...?

I
REQUESTED
THAT SAKURA-
DA-SAN HELP
ME SET UP A
MOMENT
WITH YOU
TO TALK.



SAKU-
RADA
?!

OKAY,
BYE!



BEING
A LISTENING
HOUSE GIRL,
SHE APPAR-
ENTLY ALSO
LISTENS TO
REQUESTS.



A GIRL-
FRIEND IS
BETTER
THAN A
LISTENING
HOUSE
GIRL...

...THE
BEST
WAY
TO GET
AOBA-
KUN TO
SMILE.

FOR
SURE,
THIS
IS...

PANT
PANT

TMP

TMP





WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



I...
INVITED
HER.



ISN'T THAT
AOBA'S EX-
GIRLFRIEND
WHO CAME
TO THE
GAME
YESTER-
DAY?

WHAT'S
SHE
DOING
HERE?



IF I'M NOT
MISTAKEN,
DIDN'T
YOU GET
REJECTED
BY KOTAR?

アハハハ
ハハハハ



SO
AREN'T YOU
JUST AN IDIOT
IF YOU HELP
THEM GET BACK
TOGETHER?



I AM
AOBA-KUN'S
LISTENING
HOUSE GIRL,
AFTER ALL...

WHAT?

I
DON'T
CARE IF
I AM...

OKAY,
SO THEN
TELL ME...

IF THIS
WILL
MAKE
AOBA-
KUN
HAPPY...



...SO
THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR ME
TO CRY.

THE
PERSON I
LOVE IS
GOING TO
BE HAPPY...

I'M
NOT...

...CRY-
ING...



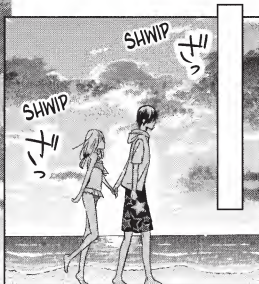




HUH...?



I'M
SORRY
I CALLED
YOU AN
IDIOT.



N...NRO-
KUN,
WHY DID
YOU...?

HEY...



IF GETTING
HIM BACK
WITH HIS EX
WILL DO THAT,
THEN I'M ALL
FOR IT.

I WANT
KOTA TO LAUGH
AND TO DO
HIS BEST IN
BASKETBALL,
TOO.



*YOU'RE
AMAZING,
SAKURADA-
SAN.*



BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY I'D
DO THAT IF
IT WERE TO
DESTROY
ME.



**YESTER-
DAY'S
ENEMY IS
TODAY'S
FRIEND.**

**IF
THERE'S
ANYTHING
I CAN DO
FOR KOTA,
LET ME
HELP.**



I'LL BE
COMMAND-
ING
OFFICER.

LET'S
CALL OUR-
SELVES
THE "KOTA
LOVE
SQUAD."

OKAY...

GIGGLE...

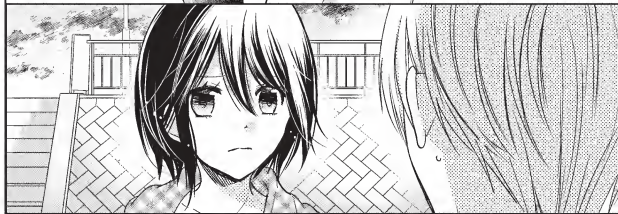
THANKS,
NAO-KUN.

HURRY UP,
YOU TWO!

WHAT'S
YOUR
POINT?

SAKURADA-
SAN'S
BOYFRIEND
SEEMS
COOL!

BEFORE I
KNEW IT...
THE TEARS
SUB-
SIDED...





I
SHOULD'VE
BEEN MORE
SYMPATHETIC
...

...AND
YOU
WERE
ALL
ALONE
...

NO ONE
UNDER-
STOOD
YOU,
AOBA...



BUT...



AND
NOW, I
KNOW I
CAN BE
THERE
FOR
YOU!

EVER
SINCE
THEN, I'VE
NEVER
STOPPED
THINKING
ABOUT
IT.



THE
THREE OF US
CAN GO DO
NATIONALS,
JUST LIKE WE
DID BACK
THEN!

COME
TO SOUTH
HIRATSUKA
AND BE A
PART OF THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM WITH
HARUMA
AND ME.



time . 12

YOU LIKE ME?!



AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



AOBA!
YOU'RE
LOSING
FOCUS!

I'M
SORRY.



UMEKI-
SAN?

Asuka Umeki
Incoming

FIVE
MINUTE
BREAK!



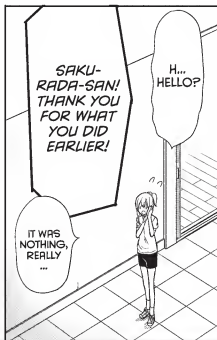
I
WONDER
WHAT HE
TALKED
ABOUT
WITH
UMEKI-
SAN
ABOUT
...

SINCE
THEN,
AOBA-
KUN
SEEMS
LIKE HE
HASN'T
BEEN
DOING
WELL.



I TOLD
AOBA
THAT I
WANTED
HIM TO
COME
OVER TO
OUR HIGH
SCHOOL.

I
WANTED
TO TELL
YOU,
SAKU-
RADA-
SAN...



SAKU-
RADA-SAN!
THANK YOU
FOR WHAT
YOU DID
EARLIER!

H...
HELLO?

IT WAS
NOTHING,
REALLY
...



HUH?

AOBA-KUN
IS TRANS-
FERRING
TO SOUTH
HIRATSUKA?

UH...

FROZEN

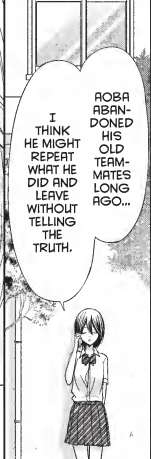
AND THEN
AOBA
SAID...HE
WANTED
TO PLAY
BASKETBALL
WITH THE
CURRENT
TEAMMATES
...

P...PHEW...

BUT,
YOU
KNOW
...



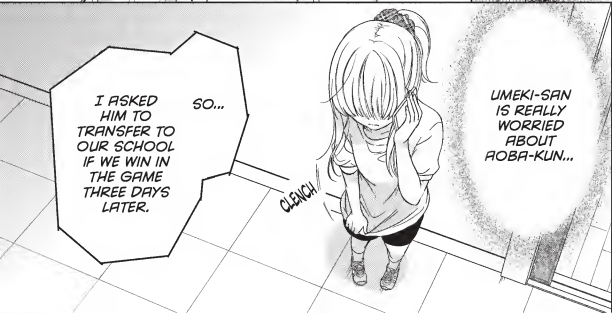
OTHER-
WISE, I DON'T
THINK AOBA
WILL BE ABLE
TO MOVE
ON...



I
THINK
HE MIGHT
REPEAT
WHAT HE
DID AND
LEAVE
WITHOUT
TELLING
THE
TRUTH.

AOBA
ABANDONED
HIS
OLD
TEAM-
MATES
LONG
AGO...

IT'S
PROBABLY
TOUGH FOR
HIM, BUT I
WANT HIM
TO CON-
FRONT THE
PEOPLE IN
HIS PAST...



I ASKED
HIM TO
TRANSFER TO
OUR SCHOOL
IF WE WIN IN
THE GAME
THREE DAYS
LATER.

SO...

CLENCH

UMEKI-SAN
IS REALLY
WORRIED
ABOUT
AOBA-KUN...



SHE'S SO
AGGRES-
SIVE...

ウキ...
WHAAA

IF YOU
GUYS
LOSE, I
THINK HE'LL
REALIZE
THAT HE'S
NOT ON
THE RIGHT
SIDE!!
SEE
YA!!

WHAT?

I'M GLAD
THAT HE
VALUES HIS
CURRENT
TEAM-
MATES,
BUT...
...FOR
AOBA-
KUN TO
MOVE
ON...

UH...
UMEKI-
SAN
JUST
CALLED...

TELL
ME.

AOBA-
KUN!

SINCE
WHEN DID
YOU GO
FROM
BEING A
LISTENING
HOUSE GIRL
TO AN
ANYTHING-
GOES HOUSE
GIRL WHO
DOES WHAT-
EVER PEOPLE
ASK?

7/1
SIGH



YOU'VE
GOT THE
WRONG
IDEA!

HUHHH?!
AN ITEM
?!



HUH??

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'D
PUSH ME
ONTO
ASUKA.

FWP
X



IF
YOU'VE
BECOME AN
ITEM WITH
NAO AND
I'VE BECOME
A BOTHER
TO YOU,
THEN YOU
SHOULD'VE
JUST SAID
SO.



DON'T
DECIDE
WHAT'S
BEST
FOR ME.



I JUST
THOUGHT
YOU'D BE
BETTER
OFF WITH
UMEKI-SAN,
SINCE YOU
CAN SHARE
ANYTHING
WITH HER.

HE'S
RIGHT. I'M
SUPPOSED TO
BE A LISTENING
HOUSE GIRL,
BUT INSTEAD
I SHOVED THE
TWO OF THEM
TOGETHER
WITHOUT HIS
CONSENT.

TURN



NOTH-
ING,
REALLY.

WHAT ARE
YOU TWO
DOING?

KOTA
?

DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN
BETWEEN
YOU AND
KOTA?

IT'S ONLY
NATURAL
THAT HE'D
BE ANGRY
WITH ME...



THE
TRUTH IS...
AOBA-KUN MIGHT
TRANSFER TO
SOUTH HIRATSUKA
IF HE DOESN'T WIN
THE UPCOMING
MATCH...

I
WONDER...
IF IT'S
OKAY TO
TELL NAO-
KUN...

UH...

BA
DUMP
バ
ン
キ

NAO-
KUN IS
SUPER
CLOSE!

LET ME
KNOW IF
I CAN BE
OF ANY
HELP.



WELL...

HUH?!
WHAT
THE
HELL!

HOW
CAN I
KEEP
SOME-
THING
THAT
IMPOR-
TANT A
SECRET?

BUT, UH...
DON'T TELL
ANYONE...



AND SO... IN THIS SLOPE-HEAVY TOWN, I LIVED WITH A CAT, AND NOW, THERE ARE TWO MORE CATS HERE! THE ONLY FEMALE IN THE GROUP IS A BLACK CAT NAMED UNI-CHAN (SINCE SHE'S BLACK). IT'S BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE SHE WAS BORN, AND SHE WON'T LET ME GET ANY WORK DONE. IT'S BAD!

OTHER THAN SLEEPING, SHE JUMPS ON TOP OF ME AND ASKS ME TO PLAY WITH HER IN A SUPER HIGH-PITCHED VOICE. AND I CAN'T GET HER MEOWS OUT OF MY HEAD...!

I HOPE SHE HURRIES UP AND GROWS INTO A MATURE FEMALE CAT.

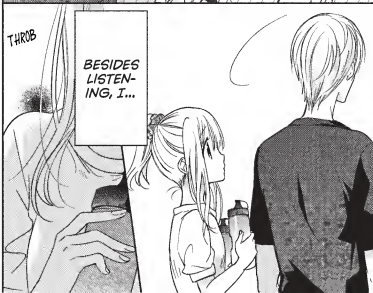
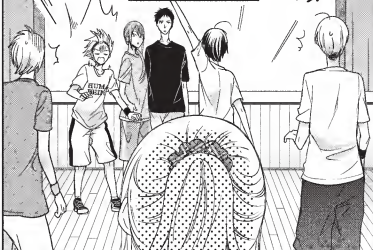


AND I SOMEHOW FILLED UP THIS SPACE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO READ IT!

HUHHH
?!

STILL, SINCE I PASSED THE BATON TO UMEKISAN, WHAT ELSE CAN I DO BESIDES LISTENING?

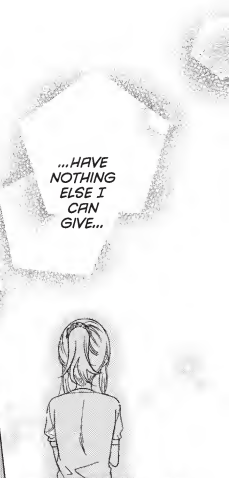
CAPTAIN, LET'S HAVE FIVE TIMES AS MANY PRACTICES!





AND THEN
HE SAID
OUR RELATIONSHIP
JUST DIED,
AND GOT
ANOTHER
GIRL!

CAN
YOU
BELIEVE
THAT?!



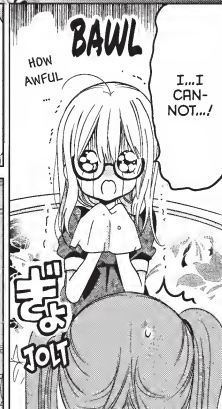
...HAVE
NOTHING
ELSE I
CAN
GIVE...



AM
I?

ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

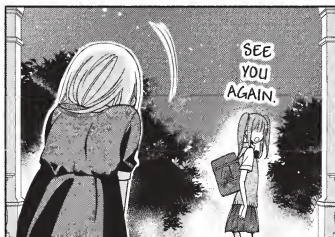
UH, HEY,
YOU'RE
CRYING
MORE
THAN ME,
Y'KNOW?!



BAWL

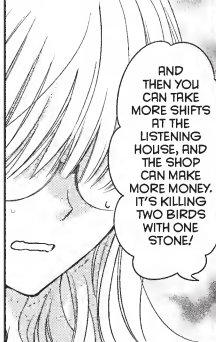
HOW
AWFUL

I...I
CAN-
NOT...!



SEE
YOU
AGAIN.





AND THEN YOU CAN TAKE MORE SHIFTS AT THE LISTENING HOUSE, AND THE SHOP CAN MAKE MORE MONEY. IT'S KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!



I MEAN, YOU'RE JUST A BURDEN WHO'S GETTING IN HIS WAY, AREN'T YOU?



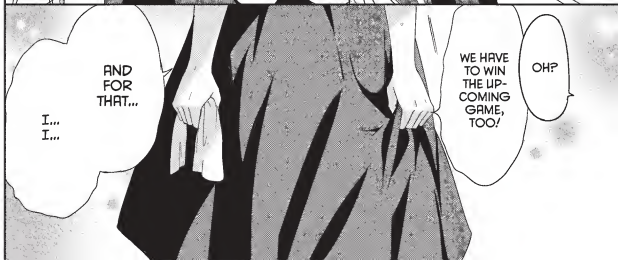
HUH?

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU JUST QUIT THE BASKET-BALL TEAM?



...THAT I WANT TO DO ON THE BASKET-BALL TEAM!

I...I... STILL HAVE THINGS ...

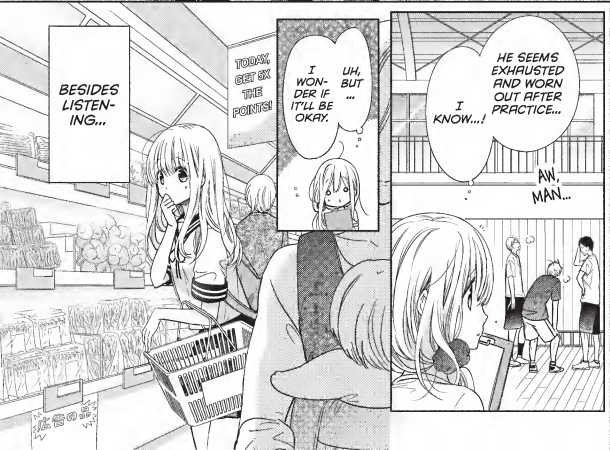


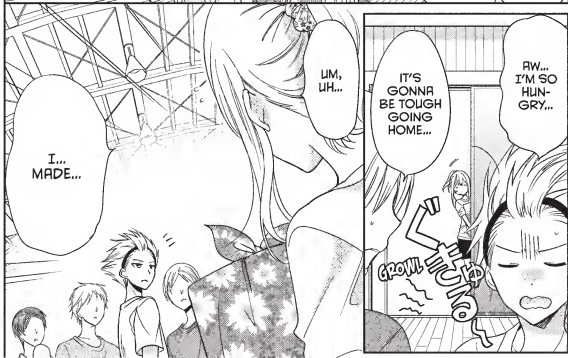
AND FOR THAT...

I... I...

WE HAVE TO WIN THE UP-COMING GAME, TOO!

OH?







...MAY-
ONNAISE
BENTOS
FOR
EVERY-
ONE!



BENTOS
...?

MURMUR

M...
MAYON-
NAISE...



こんもり
COVERED

I
TOOK SIDE
DISHES THAT
EVERYONE
WOULD LIKE
AND GENER-
OUSLY
TOPPED
THEM WITH
MAYON-
NAISE!

YES!! THE
TRUTH IS
I'M INTER-
ESTED IN
MAKING
HOMEMADE
MAYON-
NAISE...

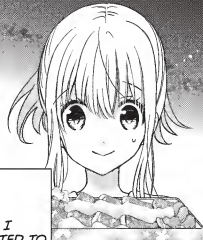
SUCH AS
WASABI
MAYO OR
HONEY
MAYO...I
RECOM-
END
GARLIC
MAYO,
AND
SO...

いっけい
EXCITED

WHAT'S
THAT?

H...
HUH?

SILENT



I
WANTED TO
ENERGIZE
EVERYONE
BEFORE
THE
GAME...

...BUT
MY IDEA
MIGHT
NOT HAVE
WORKED...



WE'LL SPLIT THE
COST OF THE
INGREDIENTS!!

THANKS,
PLAIN
JANE
MAN-
AGER!

WASN'T
IT TOUGH
FOR YOU
TO MAKE
ENOUGH
FOR EVERY-
BODY?

IT
TASTES
GREAT!

IT'S
SHRIMP
MAYO!

IT'S
NOT LIKE
STORE-
BOUGHT
MAYO AT
ALL!

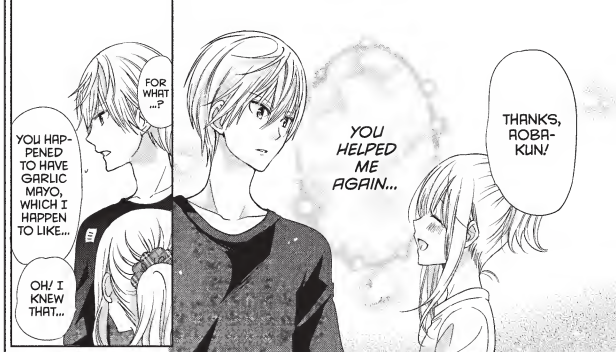
WHAT THE
HECK?!

HEY,
YOU'RE
RIGHT!
THIS
TASTES
NICE AND
LIGHT!

CHOMP...

D...
DON'T
MENTION
IT!

THANK
GOOD-
NESS...







YOU
KNOW THAT
SAKU-
RADA-SAN
LIKES YOU.

LOOK!

NAO...



KOTA,

THAT
WASN'T
COOL WHAT
YOU DID
EARLIER.



THAT WAS
JUST SO
YOU COULD
SPEND TIME
ALONE WITH
YOUR EX.

ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
WHAT HAP-
PENED AT
THE BEACH?

**NOT
ME!**



?



**SHE'S
GOING
OUT
WITH
YOU
NOW...**



YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
REJECTED
SAKURADA-
SAN.

HUH...?

BE-
SIDES,

EVEN IF IT
WERE TRUE,
WHY DOES
IT MATTER?



YOU SEEM
TO HAVE
FEELINGS
FOR HER,
MAN!

SHE WAS
THE FIRST
PERSON
YOU WENT
TO AFTER
WINNING
THE LAST
GAME...
...AND
YOU
COMPLI-
MENTED
HER IN
HER
SWIM-
SUIT...

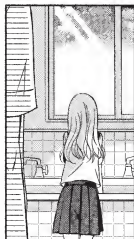


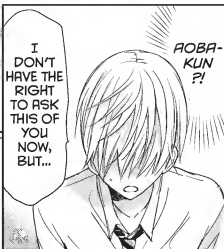
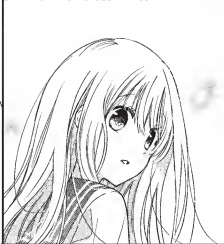
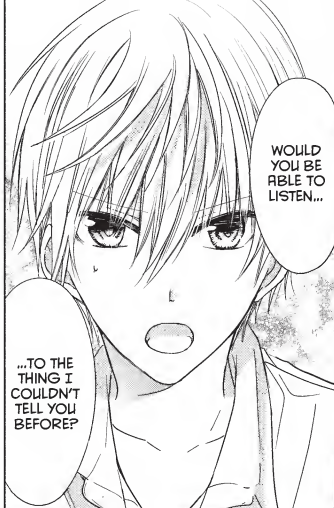
FEEL-
INGS...?
FOR
HER...?



I'M GLAD
EVERYONE
FINISHED
ALL THE
FOOD...!

SSSSHHH



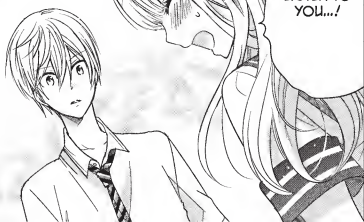




**I'M
SURE!**



**THEN
COME
ON!**



**I ALSO
WANT TO
LISTEN TO
YOU...!**



TO
ROBA-
KUN'S
HOUSE?



TO MY
HOUSE!



FREEZE
UP

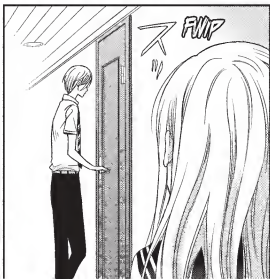
カチ コチ

TH...
THANKS
FOR
INVITING
ME OVER.



HERE.

IT'S
FASTER IF
YOU SEE
IT FOR
YOUR-
SELF.



FLIP





IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

WHATEVER
IT IS...I'M
HERE TO
LISTEN.



IF YOU NEED
ME TO LEND
YOU AN
EAR...

...I'LL
ALWAYS BE
HERE TO
LISTEN.







**HAVING
FEELINGS
FOR
SOME-
ONE...**

**...IS THE
THING I
STRUGGLE
WITH THE
MOST.**



**IF I'M TO
BE MIS-
UNDER-
STOOD...**

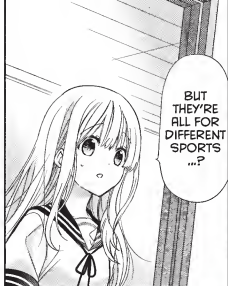
**AOBA-
KUN?**

**...I WANT
YOU TO
KNOW.**

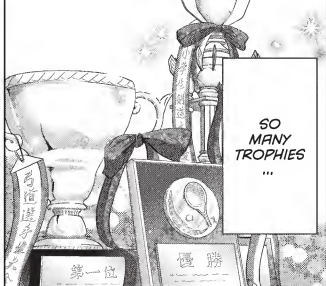


MY
SECRET.

CREAK



BUT
THEY'RE
ALL FOR
DIFFERENT
SPORTS
...?



SO
MANY
TROPHIES
...



...BUT IF I
LIKE IT TOO
MUCH...I'LL
SUDDENLY BE
UNABLE TO
PLAY.

IF I LIKE
SOMETHING...
I WILL GET SO
GOOD AT IT
THAT I'LL BE
ABLE TO
TAKE FIRST
PLACE...



MY
PASSION
DISAP-
PEARS.

OR A
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
FALLING...

OR A STAR
BURNING
OUT...

LIKE
WATER
DRYING
UP...



...SAKU-
RADA.

FOR ME,
GROWING
ATTACHED
IS THE
BEGINNING
OF THE
END...

To be continued in Volume 4

Thank you very much for reading until the end of Volume 3.
I feel relieved that Roba-kun's secret is finally out of the bag. ♡
And Nao had a larger role. I'm giving my best to the next volume,
as well!! That reminds me, Mayo came in second place
in the Nakayoshi General Election. Thank you! ♪

Mayonnaise-loving Mayo promised that she'd share her secret
if selected, didn't she?! Although
Roba-kun would stare wide-eyed
at Mayo and say, "Huh? You
call that a secret?" Anyway, I
hope to see you in Volume 4,
too! ♡

I got a question in a fan
letter asking what the
squirrel's name is, so I
included it in the extra story!
But since there's no room to
include it this volume... >.< 3
That's the kind of name
it is. ♡



SHE'S
SLEEPING...

EXTRA EDITION
~ONE DAY BEHIND THE SCHOOL
BUILDING~

HUH?



ALL
RIGHT, THEN
SHALL WE
GIVE IT A
NAME?

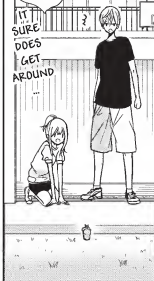
DOES IT
HAVE A
NAME?

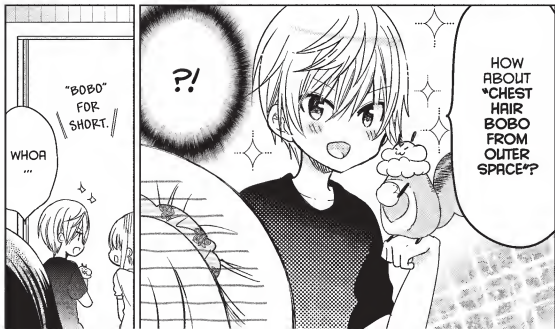
NO...IT
COMES IN
AND OUT
OF THE
LISTENING
HOUSE
FREELY,
BUT IT'S
A WILD
SQUIRREL
...

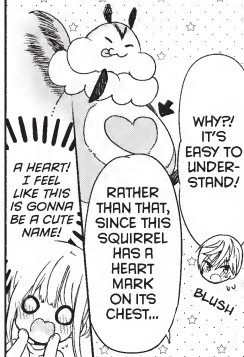
IT CAME
ALL THE
WAY
TO THE
SCHOOL
...

HM? ISN'T
THAT THE
SQUIRREL
FROM THE
LISTENING
HOUSE?

IT
SURE
DOES
GET
AROUND
...







A HEART!
I FEEL
LIKE THIS
IS GONNA
BE A CUTE
NAME!

RATHER
THAN THAT,
SINCE THIS
SQUIRREL
HAS A
HEART
MARK
ON ITS
CHEST...

WHY?!
IT'S
EASY TO
UNDER-
STAND!



BLUSH



OHH!
THANK
YOU FOR
SPEAKING
FOR ME!

KOTA,
YOU'RE
TERRIBLE
WITH
NAMES...



THAT NO
LONGER
EVEN
SOUNDS
LIKE A
SQUIRREL!

HOW'S
"DIRTY
SEXY
BEAST
FROM
OUTER
SPACE?"

SEEMS
SUPER
RAUNCHY
!!



HUHP? A
SQUIRREL
?

OH
NO! WE
CAN'T
STICK
WITH
THIS
NAME...

OKAY!
IT'S
DECIDED!
YOUR
NAME WILL
BE...



I
HOPE YOU
RECOGNIZE
MY KIND-
NESS FOR
LEAVING IN
THE "OUTER
SPACE"
PART.

THIS
IS NOT
GOOD!

IT
DOES
SUIT
IT.

WELL...
I GUESS
THAT
COULD
WORK...

...LIKE
A LITTLE
"FUZZY-
WHIRL!"

AWW!
IT'S SO
CUTE!

ITS
CHEST
FUR
IS SO
SOFT...

THAT'S
THE
NAAAME
!

NAME:
FUZZY-
WHIRL

THAT
SCREAM
COULD BE
FAINTLY
HEARD ALL
THE WAY
TO THE
LISTENING
HOUSE...

-AAAME
...

-AAAME
...

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